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8 December 1981

Memorandum for: Director, FBIS
Through : Chief, Operations Group
Subject : Monthly Report, Paraguay Bureau
November -1981

I. GENERAL

The health problems of two presidents in the Bureau's coverage area made news during the month. President Viola of Argentina was taken to the hospital late on the evening of the 8th suffering from high blood pressure. The decision was eventually made that he should have complete rest and on the 21st the interior minister was sworn in as acting president. In Brazil, on the 12th, President Figueiredo resumed office following his return from the United States where it was determined that he would not need heart surgery.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. With the arrival of the Headquarters cruising survey/training team on 8 November, Paraguay Bureau's cruising monitor, technicians and editor [] were heavily committed to working intensively with the team, receiving basic instruction and participating in a number of cruising surveys and exercises. Some of the results of the month-long program are listed in the Operations Attachment.

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Angola reception* ST

2. Technicians [] conducted a reception survey of selected targets in the Fortin Zalazar-Chaco Paraguay area about 200 miles north of Asuncion on 26 and 27 November 1981, under guidelines set by the cruising survey/training team. Reports on their findings will be forwarded to Headquarters.

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3. On 3 November the Bureau made a video recording of a special local television program devoted to festivities honoring the Paraguayan president on his birthday. A large number of prominent personalities attended. The video recording was requested by Headquarters.

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B. Lateral Services

1. The text of weather reports from Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes early morning cast were filed to BBC for a 3-day period at their request early in the month.

2. One item was processed from Moscow Radio Peace and Progress from the 17th in response to interest shown by Panama Bureau local consumers.

C. Communications

1. The embassy backup generator was restored on 20 November, following 9 days of downtime. There were several problems contributing to its failure, one of which required a replacement part. Following sessions with the GSO and Admin Officer, agreement has been reached to obtain a professional maintenance contract for the generator.

2. The bureau's primary communications circuit was down a total of 17 hours during the month. The backup telex system worked well with four messages sent to Washington, during the outage. A test message also was sent to Panama Bureau.

3. A complaint on the deteriorating quality in the reception of LATIN transmissions was sent to the press agency's Asuncion office. During September and October 1981, LATIN transmissions were either not received or received in garble for a total of 303 hours 49 minutes. Since Panama Bureau handles the LATIN contract, a copy of the complaint was forwarded to that bureau.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Headquarters approval to hire [redacted] as monitor trainee was received on 13 November 1981.

2. [redacted] was approved for promotion to FSN 5 effective 15 November 1981.

3. Senior Monitor [redacted] concluded his Key West TDY on 7 November. Senior Monitor [redacted] traveled to Key West on 4 November for his TDY stint.

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B. Visitors

[redacted] deputy chief of Operations Group, from 10-12
November; and FCS Officer [redacted] from 8 November-
26 November and 8 November-5 December, respectively.

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Chief, FBIS Paraguay

CC: Panama Bureau

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